

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Criminal Case No. 13-162-~~2015~~ OCT 23 P 3: 40

v.

U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND

KEITH SAMPSON

**PLEA AGREEMENT**

Pursuant to Rule 11(c)(1)(C) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the United States and Defendant, **KEITH SAMPSON** have reached the following agreement:

1. Defendant's Obligations.

a. Defendant will plead guilty to Count II of the Indictment, which charges Defendant with travelling in interstate commerce for the purpose of engaging in illicit sexual conduct, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2423(f)(1), with another person, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2423(b). Defendant further agrees that the time between the filing of this plea agreement and the scheduled date for the change of plea is excludable under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161.

2. Government's Obligations. In exchange for Defendant's plea of guilty:

a. The United States and Defendant will recommend to the Court, as a reasonable sentence, that Defendant be sentenced to a term of incarceration of sixty (60) months. The parties understand that if this plea agreement is accepted by the Court, the Court will impose a sentence of sixty months incarceration, and such term of

post-conviction supervised release as the Court may deem appropriate consistent with 18 U.S.C. § 3583(k). Defendant is aware that his sentence is within the sound discretion of the Court. Defendant further understands that under Rule 11(c)(1)(C), the Court may accept or reject the plea agreement, or may defer its decision as to its acceptance or rejection until it has considered the presentence report. If the Court rejects the plea agreement, the Court shall, on the record, inform the parties of this fact, and afford Defendant an opportunity to withdraw the guilty plea, and advise Defendant that if Defendant persists in a guilty plea, the disposition of the case may be less favorable to Defendant than that contemplated in the plea agreement. In addition, as part of the terms and conditions of this plea agreement, the parties agree that should the Court reject the plea agreement, the United States reserves its right to withdraw from its obligations under the same.

b. For purposes of determining the offense level, the government agrees to recommend a two-level reduction in the offense level for acceptance of responsibility under § 3E1.1(a) of the guidelines if Defendant continues to demonstrate acceptance of responsibility through sentencing.

c. As of the date of this agreement, Defendant has timely notified authorities of an intention to enter a plea of guilty. If the offense level is 16 or greater and Defendant enters a plea of guilty pursuant to this agreement, the government will move the sentencing Court for an additional decrease of one level, pursuant to U.S.S.G. §

3E1.1(b)(2), unless Defendant indicates an intention not to enter a plea of guilty, thereby requiring the government to prepare for trial.

d. The government is free to recommend any combination of supervised release, fines, and restitution which it deems appropriate.

e. The government will, at the time of sentencing, move to dismiss Count I of the indictment.

3. Defendant understands that the guidelines are not binding on the Court, and that, although the Court must consult the guidelines in fashioning any sentence in this case, the guidelines are only advisory, and the Court may impose any reasonable sentence in this matter up to the statutory maximum penalties after taking into account the factors enumerated in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a).

4. The United States and defendant stipulate and agree to the following facts under the guidelines:

a. On July 25, 2006, the defendant, Keith Sampson, was indicted in Massachusetts state court and charged with two counts of Statutory Rape of a Child, pursuant to M.G.L.ch. 625 § 23. On January 10, 2008, a jury found Sampson guilty of one count and not guilty of the second count of that indictment. On February 22, 2008, Sampson was sentenced to serve not less than four, and not more than seven, years' imprisonment in Massachusetts state prison to as a result of this conviction.

b. While the July, 2006 Massachusetts criminal case was still pending, Sampson was working as an instructor at a dance studio in Rhode Island. On December 29, 2007 he knowingly transported one of his students, a fifteen year old girl, from Rhode Island to Easton, Massachusetts, for the purpose of engaging in illicit sexual conduct with her. After transporting the girl from Rhode Island to Massachusetts, Sampson provided her with alcohol and then sexually assaulted her. The girl had been left in Sampson's care by

her mother on the pretense that she would be spending the night at Sampson's Rhode Island home in the company of his wife and child.

c. Based on the December 27, 2007 assault, the defendant was indicted and charged in Massachusetts state court with, *inter alia*, Rape of a Child with Force pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 265 § 22A Providing Liquor to a Person Under 21, pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 138 § 34. On November 14, 2011, Sampson pled guilty to these two charges and was sentenced to not less than two-and-a-half and not more than three years' imprisonment, to be served consecutively to the sentence he received as a result of his February 22, 2008 conviction.

d. The December 27, 2007 assault is also the basis for the crimes charged in the indictment in the present case.

e. Sampson served approximately seven years in the custody of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a result of the conduct described above, including the December 27, 2007 assault.

5. Except as expressly provided in the preceding paragraph, there is no agreement as to which Offense Level and Criminal History Category applies in this case. Both the United States and Defendant reserve their rights to argue and present evidence on all matters affecting the guidelines calculation.

6. The maximum statutory penalties for the offense to which Defendant is pleading are:

a. Count II: not more than thirty (30) years imprisonment; a fine of not more than \$250,000.00; a term of supervised release of between five (5) years and life; and a mandatory special assessment of \$100.

7. Defendant agrees that, after Defendant and Defendant's counsel sign this plea agreement, counsel will return it to the United States Attorney's Office along with a

money order or certified check, payable to the Clerk, United States District Court, in payment of the special assessment. Failure to do so, unless the Court has made a previous finding of indigence, will relieve the government of its obligation to recommend a reduction in the offense level under the guidelines for acceptance of responsibility.

8. Defendant is advised and understands that:

a. The government has the right, in a prosecution for perjury or making a false statement, to use against Defendant any statement that Defendant gives under oath;

b. Defendant has the right to plead not guilty, or having already so pleaded, to persist in that plea;

c. Defendant has the right to a jury trial;

d. Defendant has the right to be represented by counsel – and if necessary have the Court appoint counsel – at trial and every other stage of the proceeding;

e. Defendant has the right at trial to confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses, to be protected from self-incrimination, to testify and present evidence, and to compel the attendance of witnesses; and

f. Defendant waives these trial rights if the Court accepts a plea of guilty.

g. Defendant understands that by pleading guilty, defendant will be required to register as a sex offender upon his release from prison as a condition of supervised release pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3583(d). Defendant also understands that independent of supervised release, he will be subject to federal and state sex offender registration requirements, and that those requirements may apply throughout his life.

Defendant understands that he shall keep his registration current, shall notify the state sex offender registration agency or agencies of any changes to defendant's name, place of residence, employment, or student status, or other relevant information. Defendant shall comply with requirements to periodically verify in person his sex offender registration information. Defendant understands that he will be subject to possible federal and state penalties for failure to comply with any such sex offender registration requirements. Defendant further understands that, under 18 U.S.C. § 4042(c), notice will be provided to certain law enforcement agencies upon his release from confinement following conviction.

9. The government reserves its full right of allocution, including the right to present any information to the Court for its consideration in fashioning an appropriate sentence, the right to correct misstatements, misrepresentations, or omissions by Defendant, and to answer any questions asked by the Court.

10. Except for paragraphs 2 and 4 above, the parties have made no agreement concerning the application of the guidelines in this case.

11. Defendant understands that the Court alone makes all sentencing decisions, including the application of the guidelines and the sentence to be imposed. The Court is not bound by the parties' stipulations of fact, offense level adjustments, or the government's recommendations. The Court is free to impose any sentence it deems appropriate up to and including the statutory maximum. Defendant also understands that even if the Court's guideline determinations and sentence are different than Defendant expects, Defendant will not be allowed to withdraw Defendant's plea of guilty.

12. Defendant hereby waives Defendant's right to appeal the conviction and sentence imposed by the Court, if the sentence imposed by the Court is a term of incarceration of sixty months. This agreement does not affect the rights or obligations of the United States as set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3742(b), and the government retains its right to appeal any of the Court's sentencing determinations.

13. This agreement is binding on the government only if Defendant pleads guilty, fulfills all Defendant's obligations under the agreement, does not engage in any conduct constituting obstruction of justice under § 3C1.1 of the guidelines, and does not commit any new offenses. Defendant understands that if Defendant violates this agreement in any way, the government shall be released from its obligations under the agreement and will be free to make any recommendations that it deems appropriate. If that occurs, Defendant shall not have the right to withdraw Defendant's guilty plea.

14. This agreement is limited to the District of Rhode Island and does not bind any other federal, state, or local prosecutive authorities.


15. This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. No other promises or inducements have been made concerning the plea in this case. Defendant acknowledges that no person has, directly or indirectly, threatened or coerced Defendant to enter this agreement. Any additions, deletions, or modifications to this agreement must be made in writing and signed by all the parties in order to be effective.

16. Counsel for Defendant states that Counsel has read this agreement, been given a copy of it for Counsel's file, explained it to Defendant, and states that to the best of Counsel's knowledge and belief, Defendant understands the agreement.

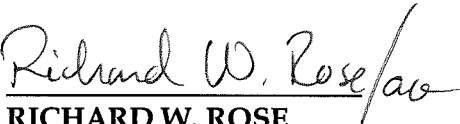
17. Defendant states that Defendant has read the agreement or has had it read to Defendant, has discussed it with Defendant's Counsel, understands it, and agrees to its provisions.

  
KEITH SAMPSON  
Defendant


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Date

  
JOHN M. PAVLOS, Esq.  
Counsel for Defendant

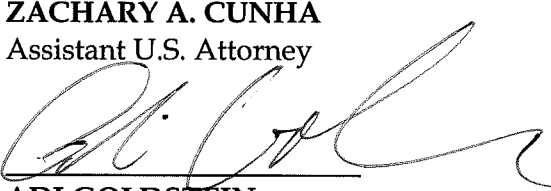
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